

**CITY OF GENTRY
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, met in a regular session at the Council Chambers at 6:30 p.m. on March 4, 2019. Mayor Kevin Johnston called the meeting to order. City Attorney Joel Kurtz gave the invocation.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ANSWERING ROLL CALL:

Janice Arnold	Jason Barrett	Michael Crawford	Dan Erskin
Cindy Philpott	Kristi Reams	Jimmy Thorburn	Jason Williams

Others in attendance: City Clerk Jenny Trout, Police Chief K. Smith, Fire Chief V. Cripps, City Attorney Joel Kurtz, Mayor Kevin Johnston, Janie Parks, Maxine Foster and Ray Arnold.

REVIEW OF MINUTES: February 4 2019- Regular Council Meeting and February 27, 2019 Special Council Meeting.

Motion: Janice Arnold- to approve minutes as presented

Second: Jason Barrett

Roll Call: Arnold-yes Barrett -yes Crawford- yes Erskin- pass
Philpott- yes Reams- yes Thorburn- yes Williams- yes

Motion approved.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

- 1. Public Comment (Items Not on Presented Agenda)** No new comments
- 2. Main Street Gentry Chamber of Commerce – Janie Parks** presented the calendar of events including the Gentry Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet set for March 7, 2019 at 6:30, to take place at the Wooden Spoon Restaurant and, Freedom Fest 2019 which is set for Thursday, July 4 from 12:00-10:00p.m. in the City Park.
- 3. Gentry Senior Activity Center- Maxine Foster** Presented the February calendar of events. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
- 4. Gentry Public Schools – Jason Barrett** on behalf of **Terrie Metz** voiced his thanks to the City of Gentry’s street crews for their work on our city roads given the inclement weather.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1) Dawn Hill East Bridge Update:** The cost estimate was presented and the project is now being sent to ARDOT for consideration and approval. Should things proceed on schedule, we are estimating beginning construction toward the end of September. 150 calendar days have been set for the construction period.

- 2) **Park Master Plan Update** – Mayor Johnston stated discussions were continuing and noted there was a Parks Advisory meeting held on February 11, 2019 which yielded discussions with Nathan Street on preparing an estimate for further park improvements.
- 3) **Water Storage Facility Update-** Mayor Johnston stated a Water/Waste Water meeting had taken place on February 12, 2019 in which notifications were given there would need to be specific requirements met in the future
- 4) **Walton Family Foundation Tree Grant:** Regarding additional funds remaining from the tree grant, it was asked of the Council for suggestions for planting a possible Community Christmas tree. Several suggestions were made with the general consensus stating within the city park would be the best.
- 5) **Sign Ordinance Update:** This was not for recommendation, but for informational purposes only at this time, to allow for review.
- 6) **Feral Cats:** An Ordinance was presented to the Council to consider regarding the feeding of feral cats within the City of Gentry with the hopes of decreasing the population of said cats.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Janie Parks** announced she was notified that **Harp's Grocery** will be starting their "insta-cart" program which will enable citizens of Gentry to order their grocery items via an app or online, schedule a delivery time, and have them delivered to their homes. Further details will be announced shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

*Planning Commission Meeting, March 21, 2019 @ 7:00p.m.

* City wide beautification event is set for April 6th & 7th from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.

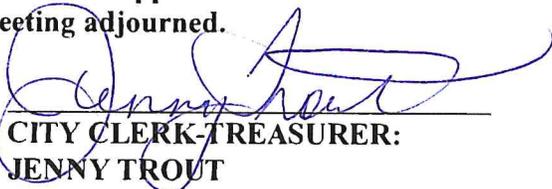
There being no other new business the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Crawford- to adjourn this meeting

Second: Thorburn

All in favor. None opposed.

Meeting adjourned.


CITY CLERK-TREASURER:
JENNY TROUT


MAYOR: KEVIN JOHNSTON
CITY OF GENTRY